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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

01/24/13

Attendance:

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| Shawn Connelly (Google+) | In Attendance |
| Scott Markowitz | Absent |
| Greg Ostravich | In Attendance |
| Scott Pearson | Absent |
| Hyiam Reiffman | In Attendance |
| Dave Reynolds | In Attendance |
| Mike Shapiro (via Google+) | In Attendance |
| Stuart Zipper | In Attendance |

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Agenda

02/28/13

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Shabbat Shira, Tu b’Shevat, Parsha Parah (Ki Sissah) – Hyiam

Stories about the Tabernacle; praying to the Golden Calf, et. a. Chapter 30, verse 13 talks about G-d commanding a census of the Jewish people with half shekel. “This should be given.” Commentary says the reason it was a fiery shekel and that it was money was because fire can be dangerous and it can productive. It can be used for heat, for protection, et. al. Same with money – can be used for good or bad too. In the scouting world it’s the same thing; we can use our influence for good or bad. For example; as a Camp Director Hyiam once said something negative unintentionally and caused a scout to be upset; try and do good and beware of what you’re saying.

“You’re on stage all the time; it’s show time all the time.” – What you say makes an impression.

Review Minutes from January meeting – accepted and posted.

Old Business

Jamboree 2013

Updates? Greg wants C207 to visit the observant troop for services one time.



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Mike will follow-up with the Observant troop for Hyiam, Gavriel Asher, and Mike to join them.

Chaplain Aide Training update?

March/April?

Mentioned to my Jambo Unit; have some volunteers

Modification of the program – one ASM per more than one Chaplain's Aide.

Each scout should have a mentor; the mentor can mentor more than one scout.

Mike will e-mail Amy and CC: Greg to say let's try and coordinate this.

Mike is coming back after Pesach – April 10th or 11th.

Let's shoot for end of April/Beginning of May for the dates.

Greg will double-check when Big Horn training starts to avoid interfering.

Course was limited to 30 people; we need to get an idea of the number of participants and then plan from there. May have to have a larger enrollment for this course.

P/T 1613 Volunteer Staffing.

Update - P1613 Tiger Cub den –

Mike said Hyiam has picked up a Tiger Cub Den Leader.

Frontier Dist Spring Camporee – minyan - Tahosa

When is the date? May 3rd – May 5th

Hyiam is trying to figure out where services will be; working with JD on this.

Hyiam will scope out the physical site.

In the Lower Meadow; if it's fenced in will that help for the Eruv?

Hyiam will scope it out Mid March (March 10th)

Areas for the Shul?

The old commissary building across from the meadow?

Who for a Minyan – let's see as we get closer.

We've got 5 scouts; 2 who are Bar Mitzvah plus Mike and Hyiam; another scout's parent is 5, Aaron Adenoff would be 6, a teacher from DAT is 7. Greg and Zach may come up too schedule allowing. Let's advertise this to get other Jewish scouts if possible too. We'd like those scouts to camp with Hyiam's unit too. Maybe Scott and Geoff too; plus Stuart and we've got a Minyan. Also Dave



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Reynolds and Mayer? Question: Can other non-scouts join us for that weekend? Yes. It'd be like a recruiting event. Let's see how we're doing on our numbers first. Also Shawn Slebowitz might be a good choice. Shawn Connelly might join us too.

Stuart has a question about him going in lieu of a parent for a child that has parents that can't go to Summer Camp. It's Magness so that may not work because of child protection standards. Can the parent designate a guardian for the week? Do they have to be a legal guardian? Shawn is currently at National for a conference and he'll ask there.

P/T Summer Camp arrangements – Hyiam is making arrangements; hasn't heard back yet from Summer Camp. Ryan at Magness; not sure who to contact for Dietler. DAT gest out the week of June 9th. The dates are June 16th - 22nd for Dietler; then June 23rd – 25th for Magness.

New Business

Recognition for Jewish Eagles – Mike needs to work on that. Been busy with “Winter Camp” and will work on that. Shawn – can you come up with a graphic for us? Greg will forward what we got from the East Coast Eagle Recognition content.

Jewish Girl Scouting – Do Girl Scouts have a Jewish Committee on Scouting? Scott's not here so we can table this for net week. There's a National JCOS but not a local. Is this too presumptive? Do we need to coordinate with the local Girl Scout council? Currently a strained relationship; not sure if John Cabeza (the Scout Exec for Denver) would be interested in that. Shawn Connelly will touch base with John Cabeza to see if he's open to that. We'd want volunteers from the Girl Scout side if we add this since we're stretched pretty thin.

JCOS Position re: Nat'l Scouting Vote on policy change regarding Homosexual Leaders

E-mail regarding contact information for input on the upcoming vote for the National Executive Committee on this topic for membership standards.

Shawn said they've been discussing it there at National as well. That meeting will be the best attended meeting in the history of the Boy Scouts.

- 1.) Does the JCOS want to take an official position?
- 2.) Does the Chaplain Aide training require a change in recognition of that standard?

Let's wait until we see how this shakes out before we proceed with planning for that. For what it's worth it's never discussed in current chaplain's aide training as heterosexual relationships aren't discussed either. That's between youth and their



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parents. We may just stick with that tack which means we don't have to address it.

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location – because of Pesach let's defer to 4/25 – skip March. 7:30 PM for the time.

Closing – Scoutmaster's Minute – Mike (if he Google+ in)

Sinai – communication with G-d and yet 40 days later they're worshipping false idols. Even those with the most powerful experience were not all that impressed. So like the Road to Eagle it's a long and proscribed road to get there. Let's think about our own lives, challenges, and hurdles. The Jews in the Sinai were looking for the easy option; let's avoid doing that.

Reminder for Greg to send Shawn the Eagle JCOS content.